

# Artist's Biography

## Amy Oestreicher



Amy Oestreicher is a 28 year old actress, musician, composer, dancer, writer, artist, yogi, foodie, and general lover of life.

At age 18, Amy fell into a coma for months. Once she came to, she resolved that she would never become the “patient” or “victim” that her medical circumstances wanted her to be.

She exploded into exploration of life’s possibilities, as diverse as starting a chocolate business, learning to paint, studying karate, tai chi and yoga, teaching nursery school. She wrote and starred in “Gutless & Grateful: A Musical Feast” on Broadway.

Throughout the ups and downs of 27 surgeries, Amy has managed to live a fulfilling life and has kept her spirit alive, always hungry for more knowledge, joy, and experience. Amy is currently studying performance, visual arts and playwriting at Hampshire College.



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# About the Artwork

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Amy Oestreicher's whimsical artworks reflect her wholehearted embrace of life. She was still hospitalized when she began painting and making art, a circumstance that drove her to explore what she could create with the materials at hand.

She continues to explore the combination of paint and other objects applied to canvas. Some of her works that she calls "inchies" contain dozens of tiny three-dimensional collages. Other works feature found objects, and often paint applied thickly to add depth to the image.

Amy describes her working process as "beautifully obsessive," and says, "I found art accidentally on my way to healing physically, emotionally and spiritually and have learned that it is one of the most rewarding, forgiving, beautiful ways to find my way through the darkness and into the light." This is clearly visible in her work.



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